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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG Benelux Command Policy Letter 12*, USAG Benelux Commander's Policy on Safety

1. As the Commander of the USAG Benelux, it is my responsibility to ensure that safety is inherent in everything we do. Accidents can cause tragic loss of life and suffering, reduce mission performance and lower quality of life. Each commander, staff officer and supervisor (military and civilian) will make every effort to ensure that the on-duty, as well as off-duty activities of personnel (including family members) in this command are conducted safely.
2. To prevent accidents, commanders/supervisors are responsible for the following:
 - a. Train personnel to safety standards on the job. Take quick and effective action when standards are violated. When deviations from standards are required, leaders must conscientiously use the risk management process.
 - b. Encourage personnel to develop a sixth sense of safety. Leaders must make that happen. Everyone must practice that philosophy.
 - c. Discourage off-duty behavior that can result in injury or harm.
 - d. Systematically identify and eliminate facility and equipment hazards. Make sure that inspections are conducted and that the deficiencies noted on inspections are corrected.
 - e. Investigate all accidents and take adequate corrective measures to prevent reoccurrence.
 - f. Encourage safe behavior and nominate personnel for safety awards.
3. Risk management principles are essential and must be integrated into the planning and execution of everything we do. Risk management is a simple 5-step problem-solving process based on the standard army decision-making techniques. The five steps are:
 - a. Identifying hazards.
 - b. Assess the hazards.
 - c. Select the controls and make a decision
 - d. Implement controls

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The success of our many missions and the safety of our personnel depend on you.

4. Help make the USAG Benelux "first in safety."

5. The proponent office is the USAG Benelux Safety Office. This memorandum will be posted to allow for maximum viewing by unit, directorate and section personnel. Commanders and supervisors will ensure that their personnel are made aware of my policy.

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